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In re: Bradford C. Webb

Serial No. Serial No: 08/870,199

Confirmation No.: 6700

Filed: June 5, 1997

Examiner: Z. Fay

Group Art Unit: 1614

For: SYNTHETIC VISCOELASTIC MATERIAL FOR OPHTHALMIC APPLICATIONS

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT  
AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box: ISSUE FEE  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to the Office Action on the above-referenced application dated November 9, 2001. A three month extension of the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 9, 2001, has been requested in the accompanying PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3). In the event that Petition should become detached from this Response or otherwise become lost or misplaced, the Commissioner is requested to charge the fee for a three month extension to Deposit Account No. 01-0682.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

***Please add the following new claims 31-56:***

--31. An improved composition for physiological applications, said composition containing hydroxypropylmethylcellulose in a physiological salt solution, the improvement comprising a